

Abstract of the Disclosure

A floor care apparatus has a handle, connected to a hose, that pivots about an axis substantially perpendicular to a longitudinal axis of a terminal end of the hose. In this manner, the hose experiences less mechanical stress during use and, when embodied on a canister vacuum cleaner, a nozzle assembly connected to the handle has less tendency to tip over. Preferably, the hose has a cuff mounted at the terminal end with a hose insert therein. The hose insert has two stub shafts on opposing sides of an opening that form a journal defining the handle pivoting axis. The handle has two mating sections that clamshell about the journal and pinch it in place. Each mating section has a bearing surface for receipt of the journal and, when embodied as a cylinder, terminal ends of the journal become inserted therein.